

Supraglottic and Peri-Laryngeal Apparatus For Supraglottic Airway Insertion

Abstract

5 A supraglottic and peri-laryngeal apparatus for supraglottic airway device
insertion that contemporaneously clears a patient's upper airway of the tongue and
other pharyngeal tissues, and raises the epiglottis without use of the medical
practitioner's fingers in the upper airway. The insertion apparatus comprises an offset
member with a compressor-lever shield at a distal insertion end and a handle at the
10 proximal end thereof. The offset member, medially disposed between the handle and
the compressor-lever shield, should preferably be configured to be substantially flat,
consistent in thickness throughout and having a tight, arcuate shape. The compressor-
lever shield member preferably widens from its junction with the offset member into
a broad tip at its leading distal edge.